**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**
**RAILWAYS**
**LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5201
ANSWERED ON:21.12.2000
SUPPLY OF CASSEROLES TO WESTERN RAILWAY .
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether there is any controversy between Railway quality control agency and Western Railway over foil casseroles which were supplied by Hindalco Industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the consignment was rejected earlier by the inspecting engineer of RITES;

(d) if so, the reasons for approving the same consignment for supply to Western Railway;

(e) whether favouritism and partiality has been done by awarding the tender to the company which was not in race of getting the job as per the prescribed norms;

(f) if so, the facts in this regard and the reasons therefor; and (g) the action being taken by the Government against those found involved in this scam?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. There is no controversy between Western Railwayand quality control agency over supply of foil casseroles by Hindalco Industries. However, the supplies made by M/s. Hindalco Industriessubsequent to their offer being accepted in respect of the tender opened on 12.05.2000, were rejected because they failed to meet the specifications of size as also the fact that the Indian Railway logo was not embossed on the casseroles.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) & (f) The contract has been awarded by Western Railway afterfollowing necessary prescribed norms, rules and regulations. As such the question of favouritism does not arise. The Railway has followed all norms while rejecting theconsignment by conducting a joint inspection by Western Railway alongwith representative of the supplying firms and RITES.

(g) Does not arise.